

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

STATE OF ARKANSAS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MIGUEL CARDONA, *in his official capacity*
as Secretary of Education, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 4:24-cv-636-RWS

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's order of August 12, 2024, ECF No. 59, the parties submit the following:

1. The administrative record was produced to Plaintiffs on September 20, 2024.
2. Proceedings relating to the Court's order granting in part a preliminary injunction, ECF No. 54, remain pending before the Eighth Circuit. *See Arkansas v. Cardona*, 24-2921 (8th Cir.) (appeal noticed September 20, 2024).
3. As reflected in the parties' separate motion, the parties believe that staying district court proceedings pending the resolution of the Eighth Circuit proceedings would conserve the resources of the parties and the Court, and the parties request in that motion that the Court stay district court proceedings until thirty days after the mandate from the pending appeal is returned to this court from the Eighth Circuit. The parties additionally propose that they file a joint status report addressing further proceedings at that time.

Dated: October 11, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on October 11, 2024, I electronically filed this document with the Court by using the CM/ECF system, and that this document was distributed via the Court's CM/ECF system.

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